

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q116798

Andreas LENDLEIN, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/560,539

Group Art Unit: 3734

Confirmation No.: 6451

Examiner: SHUBERT, CHRISTOPHER

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW (1)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing an Interview conducted on March 16, 2011, responsive to the Examiner's Interview Summary dated March 30, 2011, in which, further to an earlier discussion on March 16, 2011, the Examiner telephoned the undersigned for further discussion on the issue of disclosure of pentadecalacton in the art, and the use of the acronym PDL, with the Examiner's further citation of US 2007/0129784 (Lendlein et al.), as pertinent thereto.

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was attached with form PTOL-90A dated March 30, 2011.

During the interview, the following was discussed:

1. Brief description of exhibits or demonstration: None
2. Identification of claims discussed: All

3. Identification of art discussed: US 2003/0153971 (Chandrasekaran), USP 6,160,084 (Langer '084) cited therein (at para. [0063]), and US 2007/0129784 (Lendlein et al.).

4. Identification of principal proposed amendments: No specific amendments were discussed.

5. Brief Identification of principal arguments: Langer '084 does not teach pentadecalacton, and uses the acronym PDL to refer to a copolymer which does not contain pentadecalacton. Lendlein '784 has not been properly relied upon in the record of the present application as a prior art reference.

6. Indication of other pertinent matters discussed: Possible premature finality of Office Action.

7. Results of Interview: Applicant is submitting Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 simultaneously herewith.

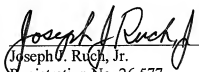
It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

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It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,


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